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Thursday

Oakland Oct. 21st.

Dear John Muir:

Grateful
thoughts for your kindly remem-
brance of us have been flying
your way ever since the geese
arrived but unfortunately for
busy fingers their wings were not
strong enough to carry them further
than the throats.

As I opened the box the fresh
sweet breath seemed wafted from
the country and it is the only one
I have had this year for I have not
been able to leave home. The

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"sticking skins" of Cleveland have
held me fast.

How we all now like to see you -
To think Wanda is growing to be
a great girl and has not even been
in C. She is very bright and sweet-
I hear. Do you still regale her
with character stories?

We are all about the same -
Mother suffering from a severe cold
just now and I with enough
headaches to keep me from
accomplishing anything -

We heard you thought of another
Arctic trip; is it true?

Why are we not made happy by
seeing your name in the Century?

Has your soul gone into the soil
and awaits resurrection?

Come and see us - Gratefully
May F. B.